[*English*]

Difference In Prices Of Super Bazar And Kendriya Bhandars And CSD(I) Canteens

6774. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a difference of 20 per cent on the prices charged by Super Bazar and Kendriys Bhandar and the C.S.D. (I) canteens and if the percentage of sales tax is added in the prices of the C.S.D. (I) where it is not charged, even then the difference in prices works out to nearly 13 to 15 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar is not passing on one part of the margins of profits of wholesale as well as retailer to the consumers as is done by the C.S.D. (I) centeens;

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to comple Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar to pass on one part of the margins of profits to consumers and to ensure that the difference in their prices and that of the C.S.D (I) is only to the extent of the sales tax; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED: (a) and (b). There is some difference in the prices charged by Super Bazar, Kendriys Bhandar and the Units run by the Canteen Stores Department (1). The procurements of the C.S.D. Canteen are centralised at Bombay. The procurement of items are done in bulk at negotiated rates and incentives are offered by the firms in terms of special discounts. The Centeen Stores Department are running 32 Depots to sell the goods to about 3500 units spread all over the country and the clientele of the C.S.D. Canteens is confined to the Defence personnel and their families. The accomodation for the outlets is also made available by the Ministry fo Defence. Hence the C.S.D. Canteens are able to function at a very nominal margin of profit.

Further the Kendriya Bhandar also gets accommodation at a very nominal rate of rent. Super Bazar has to obtain selling space for thier outlets at commercial rates. Kendriya Bhandar and Super Bazar do not get any exemption in respect of levies imposed by the State Government and local bodies. Companies/firms also do not provide similar terms and conditions as provided by them to the CSD Canteens.

(c) to (e). Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar fix the selling price after adding minimum margin of profits required for their functioning as economically viable units and the rest is passed on the consumers. In all cases the prices are kept at par or below the maximum ratail price fixed by the companies for the items.

[*Translation*]

New Industries In Madhya Pradesh And Himachal Pradesh

6775. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals from the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh for the registration of new industries during the last 3 years;

(b) if so, the number thereof?;

(c) the dates on which approval had